Militancy in Kashmir

4012. SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of the Central Government's tall claims that situation in Kashmir valley was under control, the militants in Anantnag District of Kashmir have succeeded in unleashing a region of terror;

(b) whether Government agree that the situation in Kashmir was worsening in the absence of a proper Kashmir policy; and

(c) what measures Government have thought of for protection of citizens in the State and the details of the policy Central Government have been following in protecting the lives of the innocent people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDY ASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) In the post Kargil phase, Pakistan sponsored terrorist organisations have tried their best to give a fillup to terrorist activities in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. The pro-active approach adopted by the security forces have ensured that the terrorists have been unable to achieve their nefarious designs. This gets empty reflected in the number of terrorist related incidents in which there has not been any appreciable increase compared to the corresponding period last year.

(c) The Government has adopted a multi pronged approach to curb militancy in Jammu and Kashmir, which includes, *inter-alia,* strengthening border management, neutralising plans of the militants by pro-active action against them in the hinterland, gearing up intelligence machinery, greater functional integration through an institutional frame work of operation Groups and Intelligence Group of the UHQ at all levels, improved technology weapons and equipments for security forces.

Steps are being taken to flush out terrorists and curb terrorist activities including close vigil on border, establishment of more naka parties in depth areas to check infiltration, exfiltration, more pickets intensive patrolling and extensive cordon and search operations.

Killing by Terrorist Groups in Assam

4013. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: